## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR JULY 11

SOLOMON ANOINTED KING.

LESSON TEXT-I Kings 1:28-40. GOLDEN TEXT-Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind. I Chron. 18:3.

"The king is dead; long live the king." Old and decrepit at seventy years of age, a successor must soon take the shepherd king's seat of

David's record is a wonderful one as an empire builder, an organizer and an accumulator of wealth. Read carefully 1 Chron, 29:28. Three characters are the most outstanding for our con-

sideration in this lesson 1. David. (a) He had to make a selection (vv. 20, 27) but God used David to make his own choice of Solo Jedidiah, "the beloved of Jehovah," (2 Sam. 12:25), was he whom Jehovah desired to sit upon the throne. (b) David had a promise he must needs fulfill (vv. 17, 30). While his second son, who sought to usurp his throne, is engaged with his fellow conspirators (vv. 9, 41) in feasting and rejoicing in their supposedly easy victory over the aged father, David rallies and gives direction for the public proclamation of Solomon as king, thereby redeeming his promise. Many professed Christians treat their promses far too lightly. Bath-sheba emboldened by her need (v. 16) enters the king's chamber where now another ministers in her stead, and lays the facts of Adonijah's rebellion before David, concluding her petition with the dramatic words of verse twenty. Bathsheba's petition is re-enforced by the words of David's mentor, Nathan (vv. 22, 27). Turning again to Bath-sheba David emphatically reiterates his determination to carry out to the full God's commandments relative to his successor. Even in the hour of his departure David remembers that it is Jehovah "that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress" (v. 29). (c) David then gives careful command relative to the public proclamation of the new king (vv. 32, 35). Calling to his beip his trusted and tried friends, Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet (see 2 Sam. 12:24, 25) and Benaiah the soldier (I Chron, 11:22-25), he directs them to place Solomon upon his own mule (v. 23) and take him to Gihon there to be anointed and proclaimed king in David's stead. Contrast David's scrupulous obedience regarding the use of horses (Deut. 17:16) with that of Absalom (2 Sam. 15:1) and Adonijah (v. 5). Note also it was the priest and the prophet alone who were to anoint the king (v. 34). In this we see a parable of the establishment of

by means, or use, of the sword. This anointing was a symbol of dedication to God (Lev. 8:19-12) and the oil of our anointing by the Holy Spirit which is all essential and sufficient for the subjects of his kingdom (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5-8). But as these were only outward form and symbol, they must petition Jehovah to keep the new king (v. 34). (d) David took no chances but steps aside fully, while he yet lived, that all question of Solomon's right should be removed (v. 35). Solomon had the added security in that he had been appointed also by Jehovah to be a prince over Israel and Judah. It was Benaiah the soldier who, true to his training, reported to the king the execution of his orders and swears fealty to his successor, at the same time interceding for Jehovah's blessing upon Solomon.

II. Solomon, (a) God-chosen, (I

the everlasting kingdom of righteousess by the Prince of Peace and not

Chron, 28:5; 29:1). Solomon was the frst son of David and Bath-sheba after their legal marriage. His name means "Peaceful" (see I Chron. 22:9) and may suggest the fact that David had found the peace of forgiveness. Solomon inherited the strength of David's maturity and chastening also, and through his mother, the wisdom of Ahlthophel, whose advice "was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God" (2 Sam. 16:23). (b) He was chosen because of intercession (ch. 1:17). The standing of the Christian is what it is in the sight of God because of one who intercedes on our behalf (John 17). (c) He was chosen in the midst of controversy and as against antagonists (v. 5). So the Christian, chosen before the foundation of the world in Christ, also has great opposition and a dangerous antagonist and, like Solomon, he is secure in spite of the assaults of the evil one (I Cor. 10:13, Jude 24). (d) Solomon was chosen for a definite work (I Chron. 28:10). The sad spectacle presented today is to see so many professed Christians. who seem to have no sense of responsibility much less an appreciation of their privileges in Christ Jesus. (e) mon was promised help (I Chron, 28:9) so are we and according to each day's duty "so shall thy strength be." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). The people (v. 40) accepted Solomon, "born to the purple," as one worthy the position. We are chosen to be "kings and priests unto God," to be saints because God has chosen us "in the beloved." This is a great honor (I Cor. 1:2-6:2), all that is required is

III. Adonijah. (a) He was a self-setected king (v, 5) and as such lacked not only the approval of God but the ability to execute his designs. He had Joab the bloody soldier and Abiathar the jealous priest as his conspirators, all combined could not set aside the decree of God. (b) He was a spoiled child. "His father had not fispleased him at any time" (all his life, v. 6). True he was David's eldest living son, yet he was not in the line of God's selection. Throughout the history of Israel the elder is constantly set aside for the younger. He was lacking in many essentials.

the gift of our heart.

The Kingdom of Heaven. The kingdom of heaven is not come even when God's will is our law. It is come when God's will is our will. When God's will is our law, we are but a kind of noble slaves. When his will is our will, we are free children .-George Macdonald

Nature never stands still, nor souls either; they ever go up or go down. -Julia C. R. Dorr.

Nothing renders us so great as a great serrow -Alfred de Musset

LEADERS OF THE JAPANESE NATION



In view of the strained relationship between Japan and China, this photograph showing the men who have the destiny of their country in their hands is a valuable and interesting one. It was made on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of the empress at Tokyo, and shows the Japanese cabinet officials as well as the army and naval heads of the mikado's kingdom. Left to right; Prince Tokugama; General Terautch, commander of Korea; General Osiko; Admiral Katacko, president of the imperial university; Admiral Togo; Osaki, minister of law, and the secretary of the imperial household. Behind Minister Osaki is Kei Hara, minister of foreign affairs and present "boss" of the opposition in the cabinet.

GREAT FRENCH GUNS BY THE YSER RIVER



Two of the huge guns used with such telling effect by the French being hauled along the Yser river to reply to the German artillery attacks. These are guns which have just arrived from the armament works of the French government, where their construction is being rushed with all possible haste.

BRITISH ARTILLERY HELPS SERBIANS

British artillerymen with a heavy-calibered gun loaned to the Serbians

by the British admiralty, proceeded to a position on a hill near the Drina

HARRY THAW ON THE WAY TO COURT

The famous prisoner (right) on his way to the supreme court at Nev

York, where his sanity is to be passed upon by a jury.

and helped strengthen the effectiveness of the Serbian attack.

BOUGHT THE EQUITABLE



Gen. T. Coleman du Pont, who bought from J. P. Morgan & Co. the controlling interest in the Equitable Life Assurance company.

Death's Touch Gentle In the light of modern surgery, there is much to reassure our faith in the far-reaching provisions of nature to protect all life from undergoing torture as great as we may at times imagine possible. We may now believe that death comes only with the same quieting hand that is laid upon us as we sleep; that the summons "to join the innumerable caravan" is never a clarion call of tremendous conscious agony, but is rather a quiet drifting. a gentle touch without sound or hurt, like a door that is softly closed.

\*Immensity of Yellow Empire. The total area of China is estimated at 4,278,352 square miles. A census of the kind taken in western nations has never been attempted in China, and the nearest approach to a reliable estimate is probably the census of households (not individuals) taken by the Chinese ministry of interior in 1910. Assuming 5.5 persons to a household, which, by a test census in various parts of the country was found to be a fair average, the population totaled 331,000,000, including 1,500,000 as the probable population of Tibet.

From Youth to Middle Age.

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No Labor in Eden.

truth. With all the agony of the star- other one .- R. L. Raymond, in the The moment when one first feels tied call of a child at night, the heart Atlantic. scutely that he is no longer young cries out, "It cannot be; it is not so." is bound to make one pause in some Youth dies hard, and fights and strug-

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Hawaiian Planters in Hard Straits. thing akin to consternation. For gles in its dying like an imprisoned Owing to the difficulty of securing vividness it is like a flash of light- bird. Others, even those near and skilled workers, the high cost of land ting across a black sky. Life no dear are older, are even old; we can and water, and the increased cost of longer is all before one; even more see that. But how can the stubborn labor, rice production in Hawaii dreadful thought, it may be mostly facts be true as to ourselves? Very (which has been averaging over 25, gradually, little by little, fighting its 000,000 pounds annually) is decreasing After the first keen realization way inch by inch, the truth prevails at the rate of about 10,000 bags a there follows a bewildering state of and gnaws at the heart—though only year. It is estimated by a Honeimu mind due to unwillingness, yes, to an intermittently, of course-until time paper that the 1915 crop will be 60,000

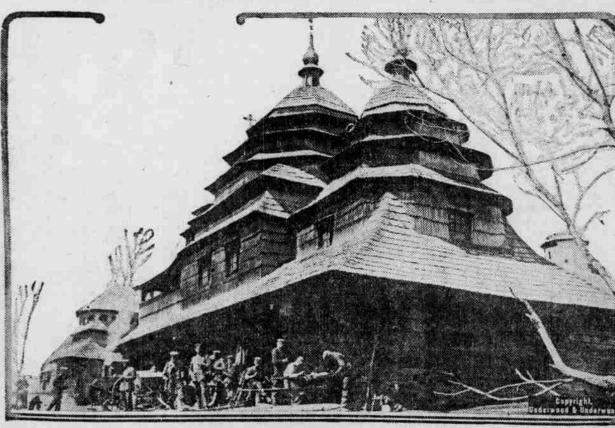
The inhabitants of Eden plainly it paradise,

lived without toil. They were born to Every tree that was pleasant to the lantic Monthly. that leisure for which we strive so sight and good for food was there. The fiercely in this work-a-day world. So inhabitants walked about in the comfar as the man was concerned, the fortable shade and ate. When thirst sting of the expulsion was the fact arose there were the fuices of fruits New York recently because someone that he had to go forth and eat bread and palm wine. The spontaneous had left a magnifying glass leaning in the sweat of his face. Jehovah did products of the garden even supplied against a wicker sewing basket. The not enforce this sentence at hard labor the first demand for clothes. On that glass caught the rays of the noon sun. by putting a guard over Adam Eve bitter day of expulsion these erst- focused them on the inflammable mawas not placed in charge, nor yet the while happy harvesters of tree crops terial in the basket, a blaze followed. wily serpent. The offender was mere were driven forth from this rich and and before the firemen put it out \$800 ly driven forth from the garden that fruitful shade, driven to the fields to damage had resulted.

was full of trees. The trees had made eat the herb of the field and to win bread by the sweat of their faces .- At-

> Fire Caused by Magnifying Glass. A house was nearly burned down in

GERMANS USE RUTHENIAN CHURCH AS WORKSHOP



Typical Ruthenian church in Galicia used by the German army as a workshop during the great drive on Lem

CZAR CONFERRING WITH GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS



This photograph, the latest one of the czar of Russia, shows him in conferences with the Grand Duke Nichtias, the commander in chief of the Russian forces. The "Little Father of the Russians" and bis chief military vid are planning the next movements of the Russian army. Plans and details of the country are before them, and magnifying glasses aid them in the study of the physical conditions of the country. The attendants are awaiting

INGENIOUS POSITION OF SERBIAN BATTERY



Established under the protection of a solidly constructed railway arch. Sterling forest, Greenwood Lake, N. J. Miss Morgan is the daughter of the Serbians are bombarding the enemy's position with comparative safety

KAISER COMMENDS HIS OFFICERS



Emperor William in his automobile praising some of his officers for the cial to let 'em alone tell I gits my work of the German army in the recapture of Lemberg, capital of Galicia.

YOUTH CYCLED UP A TREE youth had reached the middle of the and landed squarely in the crotch of Wheel Pitched Him Into Branches,

Minutes Before Released.

The Way of Robert E. Lee.

to Richmond one day, and was seated for me." at the end farthest from the door. The other seats were filled with officers and soldiers. An old woman, poorly seats seemed to be too hot for them, tions, and, finding no seat and having none offered her, approached the end where the general was seated. He immediately arose and gave her his seat. Instantly there was a general rising, each one offering his seat to the gen. Adviatic sea throughout the dark ages head of the Adviatic, are the two foreeral. But he calmly said: "No gen- and the middle ages was great. This most cities.

Hermit hill when the wheels of his the tree. So tightly did his body become wedged between the branches bicycle began to skid from the excesthat it required fifteen minutes' work Where He Was Held Fifteen sive speed. Ritter found that he was unable to on the part of the park guards before

check the momentum of his wheel and he could be released. While coasting down a steep grade tried to steer it to one side of the on Hermit lane, Wissahickon, Joseph lane to avoid a collision with an ap-Ritter, eighteen years old, Philadel- proaching motorcycle. With a sudden phia, was severely injured when he swerve the bicycle was sent bounding lost control of his bicycle and collided over the brick gutter at the margin with a tree. He was taken to La of the road and hit the tree with such Timothy's hospital, where it was found force that it was crumpled into scrap he had fractured his left arm. The fron. Ritter was hurled into the air Ledger.

| tlemen, if there was no seat for the | importance was somewhat impaired General Lee was in the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be none by the opening of the all sea route to your opportunity—Manage a co-open to the cars going infirm old woman, there can be not to the cars going infirm old woman, the cars going infirm old woman are cars going infirm old woman are cars.

> Churchman. Once Great Waterway.

India and by the determined growths The effect was remarkable. One af- of the Dutch and English merchant ter another got out of the car. The marines. With the opening of the Suez canal and the commercial and indusdressed, entered at one of the stahad the car to themselves.—Southern Hungary, the Adriatic regained much of its old time significance. The most important commercial points are Trieste, Venice, Flume, Ancona and The commercial importance of the Brindisi. Venice and Trieste, at the

Cyclone Was Playful. The great atmospheric freak that has hit California for many months struck the walnut grove on the Phillips ranch west of Pomona. It took the form of a small cyclone and

played a remarkable prank. In one spot eight English walnut trees were uprooted. The eight formed almost a perfect circle and the ninth tree, which stood directly in the center, was left standing, although the ground around it shows that the roots

were torn loose from the earth. Forty-three mature walnut trees were uprooted in the Phillips grove by the same storm. The twister also life ed the cap from the manhole on top of the Phillips ranch house, and a few miles farther west it passed through a big walnut grove, uprooting every tree in one row and not turning a leaf on any of the others .- New York Sun.

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"hairbrush?"

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come chiefly from England, Belgium,

Holland, France and Germany, but

these sources have been practically

An Aggrieved Relative.

"Well, boss," replied Mr. Erastus

Pinkley, "I specks I knows who found

dem chickens an' requested him spe-

Euchred.

"Why, what makes you think so?"

say 'No cards'?"-Philadelphia Public

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"Jaberson must have married into a

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ery pious family."

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weakness. For two vears I could not stand on my feet ong at a time and I could not walk two blocks without enduring cutting and drawing pains down my right side which increased every at that time purple

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